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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 7, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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